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"GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE ANNOUNCES PARTNERS FOR SMALL WIND INCENTIVE PROGRAM"

DENVER – The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) announced four partners selected for the Small Wind Incentive Program: Highline Electric Association, Sangre De Cristo Electric Association, Inc, Southeast Colorado Power Association, and the Town of Estes Park. This program was designed to respond to the growing interest in harnessing wind power to provide local, renewable power.

GEO has selected partners that will administer and promote the incentive program to increase the number of wind turbine installations by homeowners and businesses. GEO will use \$150,000 in Clean Energy Funds to support this initiative and each partner will contribute matching funds.

"Small wind can be a great option for homes or small businesses that want to use renewable energy. Combined with energy efficiency, wind energy is an opportunity to control energy costs," said Tom Plant, GEO director. "This program will allow more Coloradans, especially those in rural areas, to participate in the New Energy Economy."

Partners in this program will be responsible for providing match funding and staff support to administer the rebate program. This program is expected to add a total of forty new small wind energy installations.

The Small Wind Incentive Program, similar to GEO's Residential Solar Program, was created in response to the growing demand of Coloradans to reduce their carbon footprint and benefit from Colorado's abundant renewable energy resources.

Small Wind Incentive Program Details:

- GEO has a \$25,000 maximum matching grant for each partner's \$25,000 match
- Rebates will be paid for up to 10 kW of installed DC capacity per installation, including systems larger than 10 kW.
- Incentive will be \$1/watt DC from the partner and \$1/watt DC from GEO, totaling \$2/watt
- Rebates will not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project, or \$10,000
- Wind systems must be grid-tied and net metered by the interconnecting utility. Stand alone systems are not eligible
- Eligibility for the rebate will require demonstration that all cost effective energy efficiency measures have been implemented in order to obtain the highest level of energy performance
- All systems shall have a minimum 5 year warranty required on major system components and installation, with the exception of batteries, for which a minimum 2 year warranty is required

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- Highline Electric Association: Jason Depperschmidt, 970-854-2236, jason@hea.coop
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- Town of Estes Park: Michael Mangelsen, 970-577-3583, mmangelsen@estes.org

To learn more about this program, contact your local partner or visit GEO's website, www.colorado.gov/energy.

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